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# Miller Place Land Acquisition Moves Forward With Unanimous Legislature Support



Legislator Sarah Anker at Suffolk County's Cordwood Landing Park in Miller Place.

**Riverhead, New York-** On Tuesday April 28, the Suffolk County Legislature unanimously approved the appraisal of the Landing Road parcel in Miller Place. Legislator Sarah Anker championed the effort to preserve this historic and environmentally sensitive property with her sponsorship of Introductory Resolution 2040 in December of last year. The resolution called for Suffolk County to issue Appraisal Steps for the preservation of the 5.4-acre wooded parcel adjacent to Suffolk County's 64.4 acre Cordwood Landing Park.

"I thank the Miller Place community for their strong support as well as the entire legislature for their unanimous support in passing this vital step as we move forward in the acquisition of this very important parcel," said Legislator Anker.

Following the county's land acquisition process, known as the "Triple A" Land Acquisition process, the appraisal is the first of three pieces of county legislation to preserve the property led by Legislator Anker.



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For the past three years, Legislator Anker has strongly advocated for the preservation of the Miler Place Landing Road parcel. In 2011 Legislator Anker sponsored a resolution to preserve the parcel for open space, but the former owner of the parcel declined the offer, which adhered to county regulations dictating that the county can only offer fair market value for the property. Legislator Anker continued to monitor the status of the property and after learning the land was under new ownership, contacted the current owner who expressed interest in selling the parcel to the county. If the property owner accepts of the appraisal offer, Legislator Anker will sponsor a resolution to move forward to acquire the property.